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## Governor Announces Additional Funds for CODOFIL in FY15 Budget

**BATON ROUGE** – Governor Bobby Jindal announced today that his administration will give the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) \$150,000 in State General Fund through the budget for Fiscal Year 2015. This will bring the total funding for CODOFIL up to \$301,854. With this additional funding CODOFIL will be able to continue their work towards preserving the French culture in Louisiana.

Commissioner of Administration Kristy Nichols said, "Our French heritage is an important part of what makes Louisiana such a rich and vibrant state, not only for the people who live here, but for the millions of others who visit. It is important to support that development, and that is just what these funds will continue to do."

CODOFIL serves to regulate any and all things necessary to accomplish the development, utilization and preservation of the French language in Louisiana for the cultural, economic and tourist benefit of the state. They promote and oversee cultural and educational relations and exchanges within the state and between the state of Louisiana and other countries, provinces, and states that share Louisiana's historical French heritage, culture, and language. According to statute, the council is comprised of up to fifty gubernatorial appointments which are subject to senate confirmation.